Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the appendix you have given only the tonnage of the goods. I have asked for the tonnage and value, but only volume is given in the answer.

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* You have asked "volume and value, if possible." There are certain difficulties to give the value of trade, because these are war years. These figures are not even supplied to the Chambers of Commerce, since it is considered inadvisable to give them. Mr. Govinda Pai will corroborate my statement that values are not given now-a-days.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How is the customs collected?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* They collect it, but the point is they do not publish it.

Mr. President: That is confidential.

TERMINAL CHARGES—LEVY OF—HARBOUR TERMINUS STATION

168. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state the quantities of goods on which terminal charges have been levied at Ernakulam or the Harbour Terminus railway stations in the years 1938, 1939, 1940 and 1941?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The information is not available.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are they not collecting terminal charges?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, but the return supplied by the station here, does not give separate figures for goods, whether transit duties are levied, whether reduced transit duties are levied or whether no transit duties are levied. When we addressed the railway authorities they said that if you want separate figures it would mean the establishment of a costly staff.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are they not collecting terminal charges?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. To single out terminal charges out of a mass of papers is very difficult.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How are terminal charges collected?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Terminal charges are collected on certain goods, but the point is, the returns furnished by the railway station here do not give separate

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figures. We have to single out this from a mass of papers for the various years.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are these terminal charges collected at all the stations or only at terminals?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I said at Ernakulam and the Harbour stations they do not keep separate returns. When we asked them they said, to keep separate returns would mean the establishment of a separate staff and that the Cochin Government should bear the cost.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Who gets the terminal charges?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The Company and the Harbour.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* So, we don't get it?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We apportion it afterwards.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does the whole of the terminal charges go to the common pool and later on apportioned, or are we getting the whole of it?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* They are not separately apportioned, so far as I know.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My case is that we should get the whole of these terminal charges and that it should not be amalgamated along with the railway traffic income. That was the object of my question.

Mr. President: That is not the question.

COCHIN HARBOUR—APPOINTMENTS ABOVE RS. 25

169. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of employees in the office of the Administrative officer and Harbour Engineer-in-Chief, drawing Rs 25 and above;

(b) Whether in recruiting staff in the Harbour Office, men drawing less than Rs. 100, the Staff Selection Board has anything to do with them?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* A list is placed on the Council table.

(b) No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* From this list of 27 people, how many are from Cochin?

Rao Sahib K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Eight.

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